

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 14 are pending in the Application and are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-2, 4-13, and 15-18 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Claims 3 and 14 are independent.

In response to the restriction requirement on Page 2 of the Office Action, the Applicant reaffirms his election of Group I, Claims 1-14. Applicant had previously made this election in an August 4, 2008 telephonic interview with Examiner Wujciak. In this Amendment, Applicant reaffirms election of Group I, directed to Claims 1-14 and cancels non-elected Claims 15-18.

On Page 4 of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims, specifically, the security collar and the raceways. The claims containing the term “raceways”, i.e., Claims 6, 11, and 16, have been canceled. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner’s assertion that the security collar is not depicted in the drawings. The security collar is comprised of a number of components (see Claim 3). These components are clearly shown in FIG. 2. The security collar includes a mounting flange 55, where the mounting flange includes a swivel member 57, a suspension yoke 50, and one or more security links 40. Each of these components is depicted in FIG. 2. Thus, the claimed security collar element is shown in at least FIG. 2 of the drawings.

On page 5 of the Office Action, Claims 1-2, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,328,270 to Elberbaum. Applicant has canceled Claims 1-2, 6 and 8 of the present application.

On page 6 of the Office Action, Claims 4-5, 10-11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elberbaum in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,964,606 to Beam et al. Applicant has canceled Claims 4-5, 10-11 and 13 of the present application.

On page 7 of the Office Action, Claims 7, 9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elberbaum in view of Beam et al. and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,739,06 to Feldpausch et al. Applicant has canceled Claims 7, 9 and 12 of the application.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 3 and 14 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claim. Applicant has incorporated the features of Claim 1 into independent Claim 3 and the features of Claim 10 into independent Claim 14.

For all of the above reasons, the objections are believed to have been overcome placing the application in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

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